Policy Recommendations

On the basis of the results of the surveys and the review of international retail experience, the study makes the following major recommendations:—

1. Modernization of wetmarkets through public-private partnerships.
2. Facilitate *cash-and-carry* outlets, like Metro, for sale to unorganized retail and procurement from farmers, as in China.
3. Encourage co-operatives and associations of unorganized retailers for direct procurement from suppliers and farmers.
4. Ensure better credit availability to unorganized retailers from banks and micro-credit institutions through innovative banking solutions.
5. Facilitate the formation of farmers' co-operatives to directly sell to organized retailers.
6. Encourage formulation of "private codes of conduct" by organized retail for dealing with small suppliers. These may then be incorporated into enforceable legislation.
7. Simplification of the licensing and permit regime for organized retail and move towards a nationwide uniform licensing regime in the States to facilitate modern retail.
8. Strengthening the Competition Commission's role for enforcing rules against collusion and predatory pricing.
9. Modernization of APMC markets as modelled on the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) Safal market in Bangalore.

Decline in investments by NRIs

†882. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the amount of investment by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) in India has come down heavily in the last financial year due to global recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the State-wise details of the amount invested by Non-Resident Indians in the country during the last three years; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to enhance the quantum of investment by Non-Resident Indians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (c) Non-resident Indians (NRIs) can make capital investment under Foreign Direct Investment

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(FDI) scheme, Portfolio Investment Scheme and a scheme for non-repatriable investments. Data on investment by NRIs under the FDI Scheme is maintained along with FDI. Data on NRI investments, State-wise, is not centrally maintained. The investment by NRIs as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), regional-office-wise, during the last three years is enclosed as a Statement. (*See* below).

(d) Government has put in place a liberal and transparent policy for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), including investments from Non-resident Indians (NRIs), wherein most of the sectors are open to FDI under the automatic route. In addition, the policy allows special dispensation for NRI investments which include investment up to 100% in the real estate and housing sector, without conditionality, and in domestic airlines. Under the liberalised economic environment, investment decisions of investors are based on macro-economic policy framework, investment climate in the host country, investment policies of the trans-national corporations and other commercial considerations.

Statement

Financial year wise FDI inflows from NRIs during last three years
(April, 2006 to November, 2008)

(Amount in million US$)

Sl. No.	Regional Offices of RBI	State Covered	2006-07 Apr.-Mar.	2007-08 Apr.-Mar.	2008-09 Apr.-Nov.	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Guwahati	Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura	0.00	0.00	3.00	3.00
2.	Ahmedabad	Gujarat	0.00	3.38	0.00	3.38
3.	Bangalore	Karnataka	0.00	0.00	0.31	0.31
4.	Kochi	Kerala, Lakshadweep	0.55	2.53	1.97	5.06
5.	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh	14.40	0.01	2.62	17.03
6.	Mumbai	Maharashtra, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu	106.48	1,687.98	980.02	2,774.49
7.	Bhubaneshwar	Orissa	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.06
8.	Jaipur	Rajasthan	0.00	0.00	4.61	4.61

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Chennai	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry	0.00	0.00	0.51	0.51
10.	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal	9.05	0.00	0.00	9.05
11.	Kolkata	West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands	12.15	0.88	0.10	13.12
12.	New Delhi	Delhi, part of up and Haryana	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
13.	Panaji	Goa	0.20	0.65	0.42	1.27
14.	Region not indicated	Region not indicated	11.54	0.00	0.00	11.54
		GRAND TOTAL	154.38	1,695.49	993.55	2,843.42

Foot Note:

1. Includes 'equity capital component' only.
2. The above State-wise inflows are classified as per RBI's Region-wise inflows furnished by RBI, Mumbai.

Adherence of labelling and labour standards by exporters

883. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has requested the farmers and exporters that they should develop high standards at home and must adhere to the labelling and labour standards required to be met by importing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, compliance with the legitimate requirements of importing countries, including relevant standards and regulations, is necessary for trade to take place.

Import of Palm oil

884. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state: